

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-15 (canceled).

16. (previously presented) A foam, comprising a blend of a low density polyethylene and an ethylene polymer having a density ranging from greater than 0.95 to about 0.97 grams/cubic centimeter and a melt flow index ranging from 23 to 69 g/10 minutes, said ethylene polymer comprising at least one member selected from ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer, ethylene homopolymer, and blends thereof.

17. (previously presented) The foam of claim 16, wherein the blend further includes an aging modifier selected from at least one fatty acid ester, fatty acid amide, or hydroxyl amide.

Claims 18-19 (canceled).